

1. The Union Environment Ministry approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan for which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Goa
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change recently approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan for Karnataka. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for various works worth Rs 3,800 crore at Goldfinch city in Karnataka. Karnataka is the first State in southern India and only the second state in the country to get the Plan prepared and approved as per the new Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification.

2. As of March 2022, what is India's external debt, as per the Finance Ministry's data?

- A. USD 220 billion
- B. USD 420 billion
- C. USD 620 billion
- D. USD 820 billion



- ✓ The External Debt Management Unit (EDMU) in the Department of economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, has released 28th edition of the Status Report on India's External Debt 2021–22. India's external debt, at US\$ 620.7 billion as at end–March 2022, grew by 8.2 per cent over US\$ 573.7 billion as at end–March 2021. While 53.2 per cent of it was denominated in US dollar, Indian rupee denominated debt, estimated at 31.2 per cent, was the second largest. External debt as a ratio to GDP fell marginally to 19.9 per cent as at end–March 2022 from 21.2 per cent a year ago.
- ✓ Foreign currency reserves as a ratio to external debt stood slightly lower at 97.8 per cent as at end–March 2022 than 100.6 per cent a year ago. The long–term debt estimated at US\$ 499.1 billion, constituted the largest chunk of 80.4 per cent, while the short–term debt, at US\$ 121.7 billion, accounted for 19.6 per cent of the total.

3. Which country inaugurated Maitree Super Thermal Power Project, constructed under India's concessional financing scheme?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Nepal
- D. Myanmar



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina jointly unveiled Unit–I of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Project.

- ✓ The project is being constructed under India's concessional financing scheme. It will add 1320 MW to Bangladesh's National Grid. Seven agreements, including on water resources, railways, science and technology, space technology was exchanged between the Prime Ministers.

4. Which company developed iNOVACC, India's first intranasal Corona vaccine?

- A. BioCon
B. Dr Reddy's Lab
C. Bharat Biotech
D. Serum Institute of India



- ✓ The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approved the country's first intra-nasal Covid-19 vaccine for restricted emergency use in those aged above 18 years. The vaccine named 'iNOVACC' was developed by Bharat Biotech and it is the only the second such vaccine in the world after CanSino Biologics' vaccine in China, to get regulatory approval. iNOVACC is a chimpanzee adenovirus vectored recombinant nasal vaccine.

5. India conducted a Cyber Security Exercise part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative, in collaboration with which country?

- A. Japan
B. France
C. UK
D. Australia



- ✓ India's National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the UK Government in collaboration with BAE Systems successfully conducted the Cyber Security Exercise for 26 Countries. The exercise has been conducted as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group, which is being led by India under the leadership of National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC).

6. Which is the venue of 'National Conference of Women Police'?

- A. New Delhi
B. Lucknow
C. Shimla
D. Mysuru



- ✓ A two-day 'National Conference of Women Police' is being organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) in Shimla in collaboration with Himachal Police. The conference will showcase the achievements of women police officers and discuss challenges faced by them. It will also discuss the new roles and responsibilities of women in terms of emerging technologies and crimes.

7. India recently concluded a 'Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)' with which country, with the participation of INS Sumedha?

- A. USA
B. Australia
C. France
D. Japan



- ✓ **INS Sumedha participated with HMAS Anzac in the exercise reaffirming the strong navy-to-navy links and interoperability between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy. INS Sumedha is an indigenously built Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel. It is part of the Indian Navy's initiative to hoist 'Tiranga' on all continents as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.**

8. Which neighbouring country is experiencing its longest ever drought?

- A. Myanmar
B. China
C. Sri Lanka
D. Nepal



- ✓ **A month-long heatwave and record low rainfall have resulted in China's longest-ever drought along the Yangtze, the country's longest river. Lakes such as the Dongting Lake and tributaries have diminished as a result of the drought, exposing riverbeds. Low river levels have reduced the ability of hydro-electric power stations in the area to generate energy.**

9. Which country is the host of 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' military exercise?

- A. South Korea
B. Japan
C. China
D. Russia



- ✓ **South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' in South Korea. The annual summertime exercise has been renamed Ulchi Freedom Shield this year by the South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol. Aim of this field training is to normalize the combined exercises.**

10. Which is the venue of 'Silk Mark Expo', which was recently inaugurated?

- A. New Delhi
B. Chennai
C. Mussoorie
D. Kanchipuram



- ✓ **Union Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Jardosh inaugurated the Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi. The expo is being organised by the Silk Mark Organisation of India under Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles. Silk Mark is a quality assurance label launched by government to determine that the product is made up of pure natural silk.**